

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 14, 2011

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 30**

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**Introduced by Senator Anderson**

March 30, 2011

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Relative to the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 30, as amended, Anderson. CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 15 in the County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway. This measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Daniel Nava Benavides was born on  
2 November 27, 1970, in Monterrey, Mexico. His mother, Consuelo,  
3 a resident of San Jose, California, went to Mexico to be with family  
4 for the birth and shortly there after returned to San Jose; and  
5 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides graduated from Andrew Hill  
6 High School in San Jose in 1989 and attended Cuesta College in  
7 San Luis Obispo; and  
8 WHEREAS, In 1997, Officer Benavides, badge number 15193,  
9 graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy as a pilot  
10 officer and was assigned to the Monterey area; and

1 WHEREAS, After 33 months of service in the Monterey area,  
2 Officer Benavides served in San Jose from 1999 to 2000, in San  
3 Diego from 2000 to 2003, in Oceanside from 2003 to 2005, and  
4 in the Border Division Thermal Air Operations Unit from 2005 to  
5 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was married to his best friend,  
7 Megan Stanton, in 2000 and their beautiful daughter, Madeline  
8 Christine, was born later that year; and

9 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2010, Officer Benavides began his shift  
10 at 7:30 a.m. working speed enforcement for the air operations unit;  
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12 WHEREAS, Approximately two hours later, Officer Benavides  
13 was in route to State Highway Route 8 to work speed enforcement  
14 in the El Centro area, when his Cessna 206 airplane crashed in a  
15 remote area of the Anza-Borrego Desert in Borrego Springs,  
16 California; and

17 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides is survived by his wife, Megan,  
18 their daughter, Madeline, his mother, Consuelo, and stepfather  
19 Forrest Hilton; and

20 WHEREAS, Officer Benavides was a hard-working, dedicated  
21 officer who loved his job and enjoyed the people he worked with.  
22 He was known for being a loyal family man and a wonderful father  
23 and husband. His greatest joys were his wife and daughter and  
24 spending time with friends and family. He had an incredible sense  
25 of humor and a keen sense of knowledge of music and computers.  
26 In his spare time, Officer Benavides enjoyed camping, scuba  
27 diving, barbequing, and anything to do with sports; and

28 WHEREAS, In recognition of Officer Benavides's great  
29 contributions, service, and sacrifice in service of the California  
30 Highway Patrol and the citizens of California, it would be a fitting  
31 tribute to designate a portion of State Highway Route 15 in the  
32 County of San Diego as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides  
33 Memorial Highway; now, therefore, be it

34 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
35 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*  
36 *portion of State Highway Route 15 between ~~milepost marker 15~~*  
37 *~~SD 40.842 and milepost marker 15 SD 54.070~~ Gopher Canyon*  
38 *Road milepost marker 40.84 and the Old Highway 395*  
39 *overcrossing milepost marker 43.28 in the County of San Diego*

1 as the CHP Officer Dan N. Benavides Memorial Highway; and be  
2 it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
4 to determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the  
5 signing requirements for the state highway system showing this  
6 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
7 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it  
8 further

9 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
10 this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
11 author for appropriate distribution.

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